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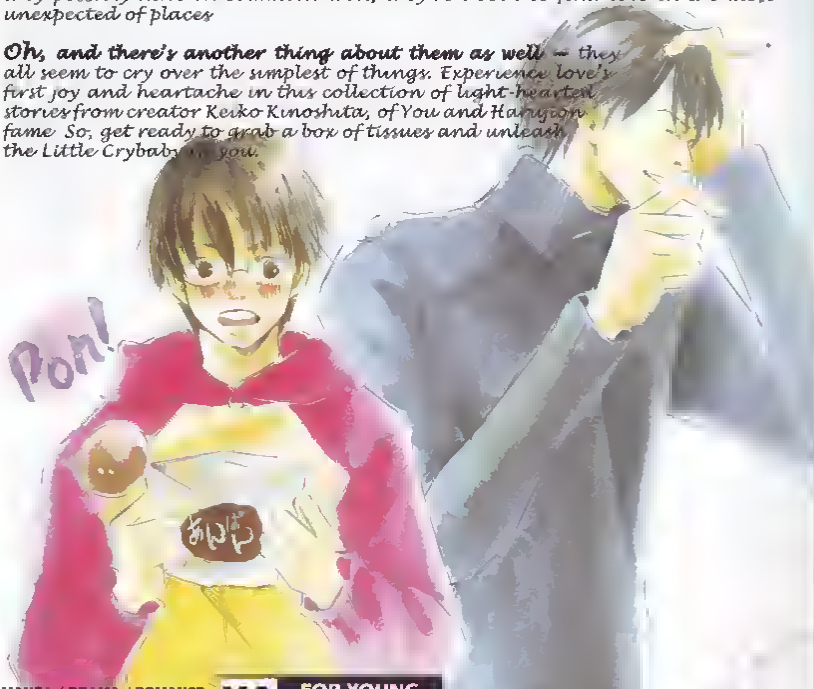

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SHE'S GOT A BOYFRIEND, FOR SURE
NAO-CHAN'S NICE TOO, BUT A LITTLE QUIET
YEAH, SHE IS PRETTY CUTE
I THINK YURI-CHAN'S THE CUTEST
YOU SHOULD GO NEXT TIME, FUJIMOTO THE GIRLS GET DISAPPOINTED WHEN YOU DON'T
EH? HOW CAN YOU TELL?
I JUST CAN, YOU KNOW
YOSHINO!
I'M OKAY, IT'S TOO MUCH OF A HASSLE
HE'S HOPELESS

泣き虫なリトル

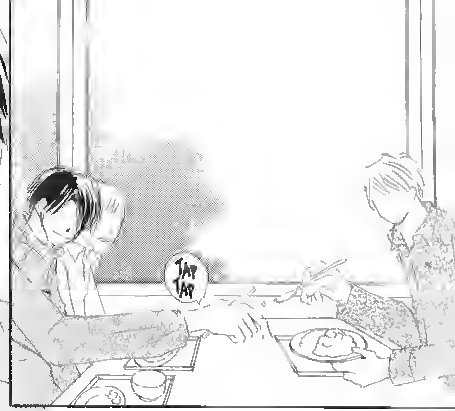
LITTLE CRYBABY

WE'LL SAVE YOU A SEAT.
THANKS.
OH! FEEL FREE TO GO ON AHEAD
CLANK
REALLY? WELL THEN...
SURE.
IT'S OKAY, YOSHINO. TAKE YOUR TIME

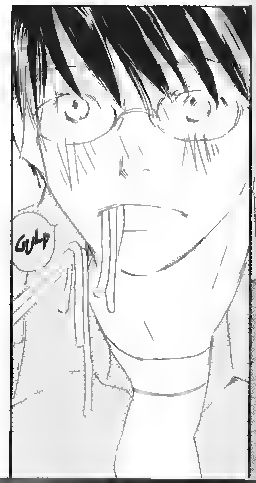
AH, WELL... I'LL WAIT FOR YOU
SLURP
HUH? WHAT ABOUT YOU?

GRAMP GRAMP
THANK YOU

YES.


TAP TAP

SORRY
YOU REALLY ARE SLOW
GRAMP GRAMP
SLURP
EH? AH, SORRY
YOSHINO, YOU SURE EAT SLOWLY.
IF YOU DON'T HURRY, WE'LL MISS CLASS


GULP

LAY OFF HIM, GUYS.
PEOPLE HAVE THEIR OWN PACE.

YOU... LOOK JUST LIKE A SQUIRREL.
CHUCKLE
AH
WIPE WIPE
IT'S OKAY, WE'VE STILL GOT TIME
HM?
GLANCE
WH.. WHAT?!
YOUR GLASSES ARE STEAMED UP
STARE
DO DON'T LAUGH!
SORRY IT WAS CUTE

I KNOW IT'S SUDDEN, BUT SOME OF THE GUYS FROM HIGH SCHOOL ARE GOING OUT FOR A DRINK TONIGHT...
I'M GLAD.
MY KITTEN'S DOING GREAT! IT'S GROWN REALLY BIG NOW

I THINK HE MEANS IT...
SLURP
SLURP

OH... I CAN'T.

SHE'S REALLY CUTE...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE ALL BEEN TOGETHER. WILL YOU COME?

I'M GOING TO WATCH A MOVIE WITH HIM.
HIM?! REALLY?!

FUJIMOTO-KUN!
THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY. WHERE'S THE ATTENDANCE CARD?
OH, REALLY?
KUP

SHE GOES ON FOREVER!
REALLY?! YOU PROMISE?!
I'M PRETTY SURE...
SHE LIKES FUJIMOTO
AH, THIS GIRL
SHE SOUNDED SO DESPERATE, LIKE EVERY FIBER OF HER BEING WANTED TO TELL THAT SHE WAS IN LOVE...
WELL, CAN'T YOU MOVE IT?
ER... UM... I DON'T REALLY MIND?
SATOMURA!
TAKAGI-KUN'S COMING TOO EVERYONE FROM OUR OLD CLASS...
BUT WE AGREED ON THIS A WHILE AGO
I'M SORRY...
NO, I CAN'T "MOVE IT"
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT? I DON'T MIND POSTPONING
IT'S FINE SHE'S PUSHY, ISN'T SHE?
THAT GIRL
BESIDES, HOW MANY REUNIONS DO THEY WANT EACH YEAR?
SHE'S SO LUCKY...
AS LONG AS I'M FREE...
BUT SAY "HI" TO TAKAGI FOR ME
WAIT... YOU'LL COME TO THE NEXT REUNION, WON'T YOU?

NOTHING.
THAT'S OKAY.
WHAT AM I THINKING?!
IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANTED TO WATCH?
YOU SURE? OH, AND I COULDN'T FIND STAR TREK! SORRY.

THAT IT WOULD BE GREAT..
?

IF THOSE BIG HANDS...
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU FEELING ALRIGHT?
FEVER?
YOSHINO?
I... I'M FINE.
HUH?
NO?

MM?

WHAT?

ZZZ
FUJIMOTO, ARE WE
LA LA LA
...OH MOVIE'S FINISHED
ZZZZZ
HOW COULD HE FALL ASLEEP WITH THAT ON?
AH
Z Z
DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE
FUJIMOTO, ARE WE WATCHING ANOTHER ONE?

NOOO! HELP!
...WERE ONLY KIND TOWARDS ME.
GAAH!
THAT WAS SCARY
WHAT? NO WAY!
DID THAT SCARE HIM?
PANT PANT
PANT
MUNCH MUNCH
!!!
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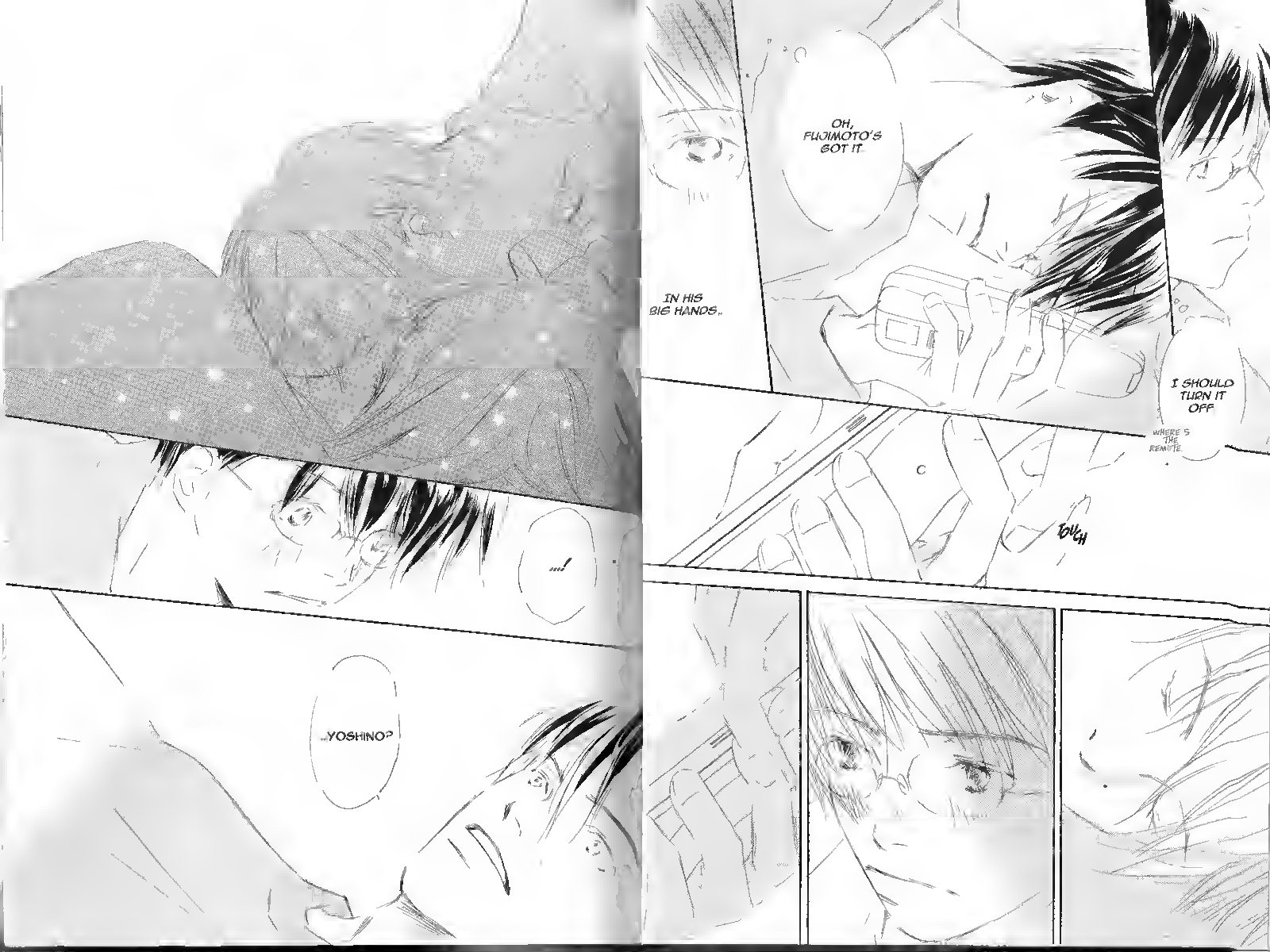
WUAAH
BU-DUM
JOLT
OH! MANIAC.
I WANT TO SAY


IN HIS BIG HANDS..
OH, FUJIMOTO'S GOT IT.
I SHOULD TURN IT OFF
WHERE'S THE REMOTE.
TOUCH
...!
..YOSHINO?

RISE
SORRY! I I'M GOING
EH?
YOSHINO WAI-
!
AH...
SLAM
DASH
DID YOU..?

PANT
PANT
PANT
TAP
PANT
PANT
AND FUJIMOTO
ME
DRIP

I SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS ABOUT TO CRY...

YEAH, HE LEAVES IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLASS, BEFORE ANYONE CAN EVEN SPEAK TO HIM.
HE'S BEEN ACTING STRANGE LATELY.
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU TWO TOGETHER LATELY, EITHER.
HUH? YOSHINO? I SAW HIM IN HISTORY CLASS THIS MORNING.
HE WASN'T IN PSYCHOLOGY, THOUGH. DUNNO WHY.
TURN
HE HASN'T BEEN TO SCHOOL LATELY
DID YOU GUYS FIGHT?
ALONE
HMM

HEY, FUJIMOTO
WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
AH.. YOSHINO

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

BUT...
ARE YOU AVOIDING ME?
NO, I'M...
I THOUGHT... THAT MAYBE, YOU WEREN'T IN SCHOOL.
HERE RE YOUR BIKE KEYS
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO FACE YOU...
AFTER THAT...
AND YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE ME ANYWAY...
SO...
GLENCH

DON'T STARE. IT'S EMBARRASSING.
DO...
...DO YOU LOVE ME SO MUCH... THAT IT DRIVES YOU TO TEARS?
YOSHINO!
YOU... WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE
I WON'T ASK YOU TO BE MY FRIEND
WE WON'T SEE EACH OTHER UNLESS WE HAVE TO.
FORGET ABOUT IT.
sigh

HOW ABOUT WE TRY *DATING?*
THESE THINGS SHOULD START AS A FRIENDSHIP, RIGHT?
BUT...!
FOR STARTERS, WE CAN GO WATCH A MOVIE TOMORROW

YES
SO MUCH THAT I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT
I'M SORRY
FOR LOVING YOU.
I'M SORRY...

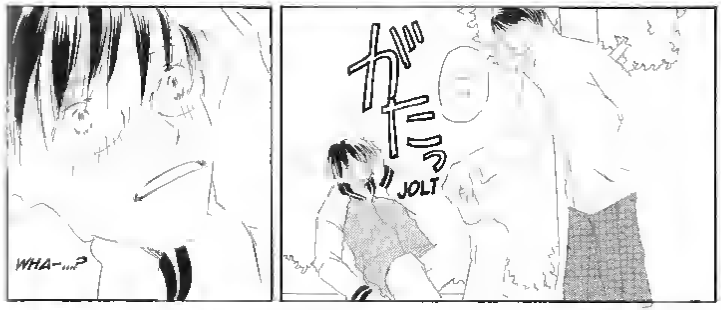
MEETING UP WITH PEOPLE LIKE THIS?
PLOP
BUT, THAT'S WHAT WE'VE ALWAYS DONE
FUJIMOTO'S LATE
I'M SORRY, OKAY
YOU'RE LATE!
IT'S NOT THAT DIFFERENT
THEY'RE KISSING
OH, YOU!
SORRY!
DID YOU WAIT LONG?
BRUSH
SO STOP CRYING
OKAY

GIRLS DON'T REACT ADORABLY LIKE THIS THESE DAYS
EVEN HIS EARS ARE RED

HE'S SO CUTE.

HMMM
WHY AM I GETTING EMBARASSED?
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
GASP!
CLINK

SORRY, I'M LATE!
TAP
NO ADMITTANCE

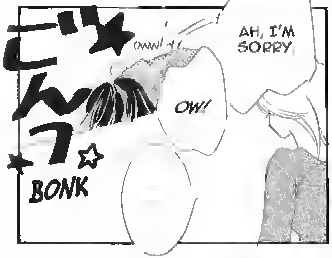

WHA-...?
ガニっ
JOLT

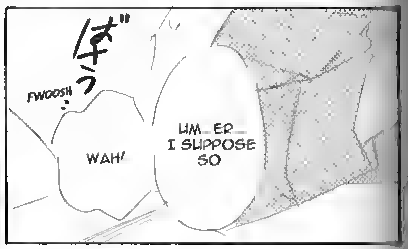
I— IT'S FINE. WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
EH?
SHOULD I APOLOGIZE LIKE THAT?
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
BUMM
BUMM
HE'S SO FUNNY

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO
SCHOOL
HUH?
SHOULD WE GO TO MY PLACE TO KILL SOME TIME?
IT'S NOT FAR
CLASS CANCELLED AGAIN?
THE MEMORIES ARE COMING BACK TO LIFE
YOUR PLACE?
FUJIMOTO...!
C'MON IT'S NOT THAT BIG A DEAL
OH... SURE.
SCHOOL
YEAH I WAS SENT SOME VIDEOS FROM HOME
HUH?
I'VE GOT LOADS...?
WHAT? YOU TWO HAVE REALLY RETREATED INTO YOUR SHELLS LATELY
DON'T BE STUPID
HAHAHA
IT'S PRETTY SUSPICIOUS
SCHOOL
NO, WE'RE ALRIGHT
HOW ABOUT SOME KARAOKE? WE'VE GOT A DISCOUNT TICKET
AND YOSHINO
SO SMALL I DIDN'T SEE YOU
JOLT
YOSHINO?
LAW SCHOOL
E-KARA

LAW SCHOOL
I'M SORRY
HEY
SIGH
LET'S GO TO THE DINING HALL
OKAY
Juicy
WHERE'S FUJIMOTO-KUN?
ARE YOU ALONE, YOSHINO-KUN?
YAWN

FUJIMOTO-KUN IS SO KIND, HE CAN'T LEAVE HELPLESS THINGS LIKE HER ALONE
HE DOESN'T LOOK IT, BUT HE'S GOOD AT TAKING CARE OF THINGS

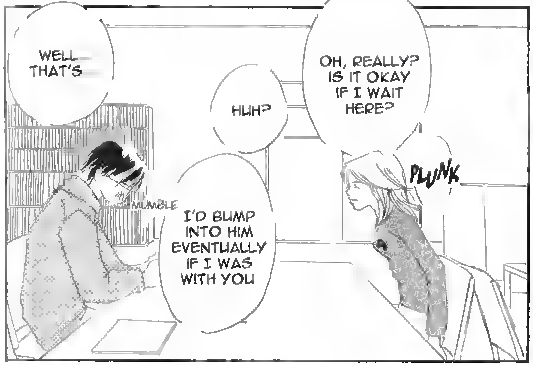

AH, I'M SORRY
OW!
BONK


FWOOSH
WAH!
UM... ER... I SUPPOSE SO

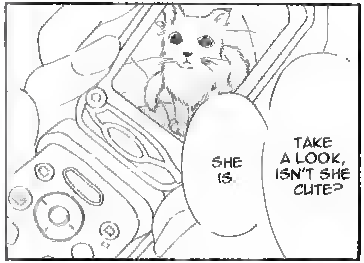
SO HE COULDN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE
FUJIMOTO-KUN ALWAYS SAID THAT YOU LOOKED LIKE A SQUIRREL HE USED TO HAVE

HUH?

YOU REALLY DO LOOK LIKE A RABBIT OR A SQUIRREL, YOSHINO-KUN
DEFINITELY LIKE A SMALL ANIMAL


WELL... THAT'S
HUH?
OH, REALLY? IS IT OKAY IF I WAIT HERE?
PLUNK
MUMBLE
I'D BUMP INTO HIM EVENTUALLY IF I WAS WITH YOU

HE'S NOT HERE YET I THINK


SHE IS.
TAKE A LOOK, ISN'T SHE CUTE?

OH, THAT'S RIGHT

SHE WAS A STRAY AND HE PICKED HER UP.
WHEN I HEARD HE NEEDED SOMEONE TO TAKE HER, I VOLUNTEERED.

OH, REALLY...?

FUJIMOTO-KUN GAVE HER TO ME

SOMETHING'S UP WITH HIM
YOU CARE TOO MUCH ABOUT HIM!
WHY ARE YOU GOING AFTER HIM? HE SAID
TCH!
WHAT?
FUJIMOTO-KUN, WAIT!
WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT HIM?
"HE COULDN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE."
IT'S NOT LIKE I REALLY EXPECTED ANYTHING.
BUT...

CLINK.
AH, FUJIMOTO-KUN.
SATO-MURA?
OH, SO YOU'RE IN HERE.
I'VE GOT TO BE SOMEWHERE.
HEY! YOSHINO!
DASH
WHERE?
HUH?
I'LL SEE YOU LATER.

I KNOW THAT
SQUIRRELS DON'T CRY LIKE THAT.
SNIFFLE
I'M NOT A SQUIRREL!
YOU'RE JUST LIKE KURI-CHAN
HE ALSO HAD A HABIT OF RUNNING AWAY
THUD
OH, HE WAS A SQUIRREL I USED TO HAVE
FUJIMOTO, IT'S OKAY.
YOU CAN JUST LEAVE ME
I'M SORRY FOR CRYING, BUT I'LL BE OKAY ON MY OWN
HUH?

BUT FUJIMOTO'S HANDS
WERE SO GENTLE
WHY ON EARTH...
ARE YOU ALWAYS RUNNING AWAY?

I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD DO SOMETHING
WHEN I...
...SEE YOU CRYING, I SORT OF...
LISTEN, YOSHINO
AND SO I JUST SAY THE FIRST THING I THINK OF
BUT I DON'T JUST FEEL SYMPATHY FOR YOU
SNF SNF
OKAY
WHAT'S BROUGHT THIS ON?
YOU WORRY ABOUT ME BECAUSE YOU'RE SO KIND, RIGHT?
BUT THEN I SAID I LOVE YOU
I FEEL SO EMBARRASSED
I COULD DIE
I CAN'T... WHY DO I CRY SO MUCH EVEN THOUGH I'M A GUY

WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT MEANS?

AS LONG AS I SEE YOU SMILING, I CAN DO ANYTHING.
AND DATING A GUY IS NO BIG DEAL
THAT'S WHAT I FEEL.

I'VE WANTED TO DO THAT FOR A LONG TIME
YOU DIDN'T NOTICE?
AND THEN,
AND SLOWLY,
LAUGH TOGETHER
CRY TOGETHER.
START AS FRIENDS
SCRATCH
I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID BEFORE
YOU LOOK EVEN CUTER WHEN YOU'RE CRYING

...FALL IN LOVE.

LITTLE CRYBABY / END.

秘密

TOP SECRET.

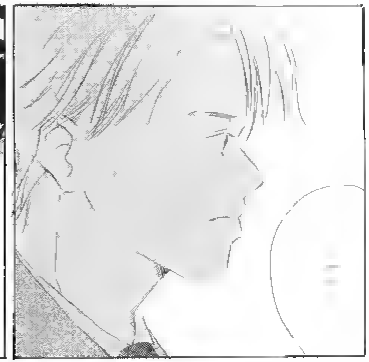
HUH?

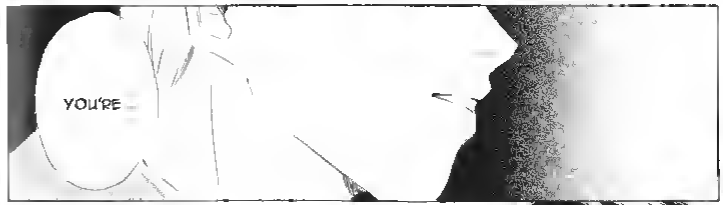
YOU'RE BEING A LITTLE COLD, KEEPING THAT FROM ME!

I SHOULD BE THE FIRST PERSON YOU TELL.
COME ON!
PAT PAT

HUH?

SO? WHAT WAS SO URGENT?
THAT YOU WANTED TO MEET UP




YOU'RE

YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED, CONGRATULATIONS!
がっちん
CLINK
YOU'RE

CHEERS!
?

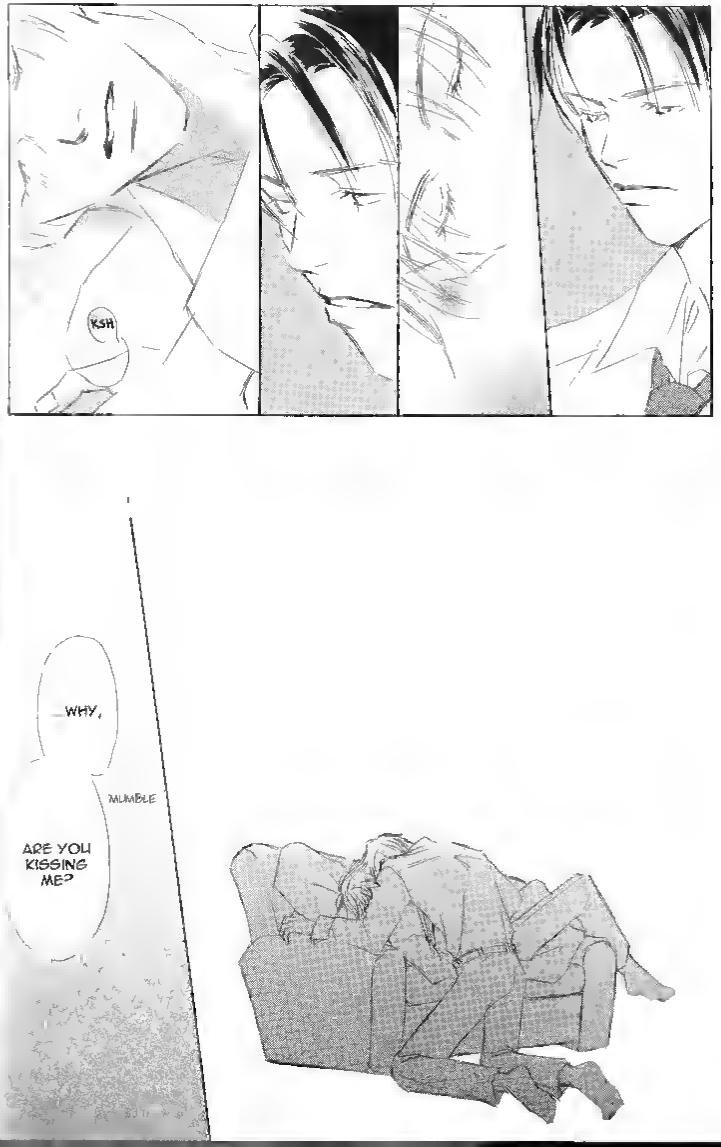
I DON'T KNOW WHO THE LUCKY GIRL IS, BUT CONGRATULATIONS!
I WAS PRETTY SHOCKED
WHO TOLD YOU?
YOUR MOM I RAN INTO HER AT A DEPARTMENT STORE
DID YOUR MOM ARRANGE THE MEETING?
YOU CAN BE SHY SOMETIMES
YOU'RE REALLY KIND, BUT PEOPLE CAN GET THE WRONG IDEA.
I'M REALLY HAPPY FOR YOU.
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU
I GIFT IT
AND SHE CAN'T STOP TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT IT. BUT...
YEAH, SHE ARRANGED IT

OKAY, LET'S CELEBRATE!
WHA WAIT.
がっちん
CLINK
ぐでーん
DRUNK
zzz

THANK YOU.
I REALLY WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY.
HEHE!
GRIN
IT MEANS A LOT COMING FROM YOU

WHY ARE YOU GETTING EMBARRASSED?
REALLY...? NOW I'M EMBARRASSED

GOD-DAMMIT! ARE YOU DRUNK?!
SHOCK
YOU'RE AWAKE..
YOU WERE DRUNK WHEN YOU KISSED ME BACK THEN, TOO!
OF COURSE!
YOU KNEW...
IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU KISSED ME


KSH
...WHY,
MUMBLE
ARE YOU KISSING ME?

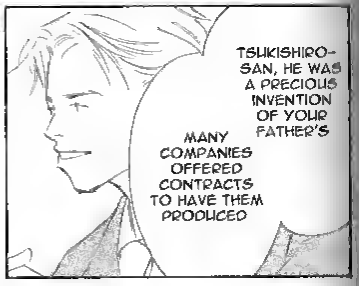
LOVE I
LOVE YOU
I TRIED TO SLIP UNDER THE RADAR
I WON'T I I LOVE YOU
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
がばっ RISE!
YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED!
THESE 10 YEARS
AND GIVE UP ON HIM MANY TIMES

I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO SPENT THE LAST 10 YEARS WORRYING
ABOUT WHETHER YOU LOVED ME?
ABOUT WHAT I WOULD DO..
IF YOU SAID YOU LOVED ME?

I'VE ONLY CARED ABOUT YOU
I NEVER THOUGHT THIS WOULD COME TRUE
TOO LATE... IDIOT
HAH!

AH
MM
AH WAI-...
ARE YOU AFRAID?
HUFF
HUFF
WHY... WHY WOULD I BE?
NOTHING... TO WORRY ABOUT
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

TOP SECRET / END



MY SCIENTIST FATHER

LEFT MY MOTHER AND I ON MY 5TH BIRTHDAY TO BE WITH ANOTHER **MAN**

BUT WITHIN TWO YEARS

AM I BEING THROWN AWAY?
WHIMPER
WHIMPER
WHIMPER
UGH
THIS HUMANOID DOG
WHY DID HE LEAVE THIS TO ME?!
TSUKISHIRO-SAN! IF I DO THAT, THEY'LL JUST GET RID OF HIM!
WELL, WHAT CAN YOU DO?
CAN'T YOU JUST HAND HIM OVER TO THE POUND?
HIS LOVER DIED AND IN HIS PLACE HE MADE
WHAT DO PEOPLE SEE IN DOGS?
ANYWAY
I'M BEING THROWN AWAY?
STARE
THANK YOU SO MUCH AREN'T YOU PLEASED, RAIKA?
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?!
BE A GOOD BOY AND LISTEN TO TSUKISHIRO-SAN

..DID HE ACT LIKE A FATHER
RAIKA...!
WHIMPER!
GAH!
YOU EVEN DREW ON THE FLOOR!
AH!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO TOUCH MY WORK!
?
I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
GAAH!
WHY ME?!
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? IT'S DUE TOMORROW!

IT'S A HOBBY OF MINE
WOW! A WHEELED CAR? VERY NICE... AND RARE
PLEASE GET IN THE CAR
HE SAID YOU'VE LIKED CARS EVER SINCE YOU WERE YOUNG
YES, I HEARD FROM YOUR FATHER
HE WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN WORK. HE NEVER CAME HOME. NOT ONCE.
THE NERVE
IS THAT WHAT HE TALKED ABOUT, TO SOUND LIKE A FATHER?

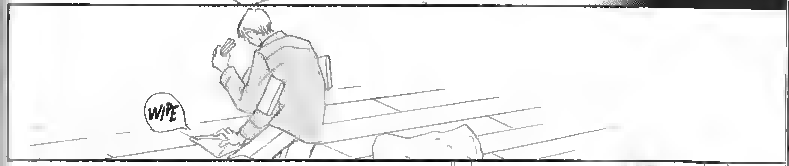
SHAKE
SHAKE
RAIKA!
TAKE PAPA'S TREASURE.
YOU CAN'T
FINE! STAY DIRTY LIKE YOU ALWAYS ARE!

IT'S NO USE MAKING THAT FACE, COME WITH ME!
WHATEVER!
SHEESH!
YOINK
RAIKA...
I'M SORRY, DON'T BE UPSET
MYUU
AND THIS
SLIDE
RIGHT! CLOTHES OFF!
IF YOU DON'T, IT'LL GET WET
GRAB

I'M SORRY.
TUG
SIGH!

I'VE NEVER BEEN TOO KIND TO OTHERS.
I'M SORRY, TOO. I DIDN'T MEAN TO TAKE IT FROM YOU.
RUFFLE

バタン
SLAM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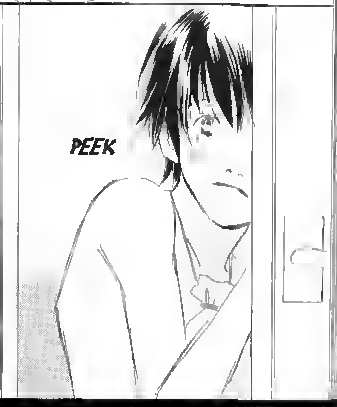
DASH


PEEK

THIS IS MA-CHAN'S
MA-CHAN?
YES, I'M MA-CHAN
IT'S MA-CHAN'S
THAT'S WHY IT WAS PAPA'S TREASURE
BUT THAT'S YOURS
GLK

YEP.
YEP.
YEP.
LET'S CLEAN THIS UP TOGETHER
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT THAT, RAIKA FOR A DOG

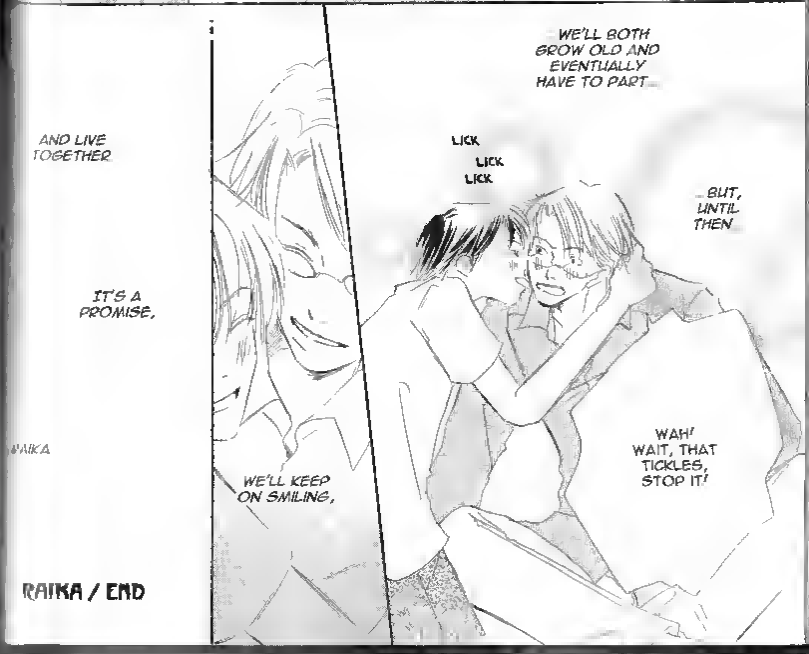
GIVE THAT TO MA-CHAN.
AH, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

IT WON'T GO IN
PUSH
PUSH

DON'T CRY
LICK
YOU'RE SO KIND
NOW, I UNDERSTAND
Happy Birthday Mr. Osamu
NEVER ONCE ..
..LIKE A FATHER
WHY MY FATHER CREATED YOU
HOW TO BE KIND, LIKE YOU?
WILL YOU TEACH ME
SO UNKIND?
MA-CHAN?
DAMMIT...
WHY AM I ALWAYS...

君は僕のもの
YOU ARE MINE...

STARE
WELL?
TIME WILL PASS...


WE'LL BOTH GROW OLD AND EVENTUALLY HAVE TO PART...
LICK
LICK
LICK
...BUT, UNTIL THEN...
WAH! WAIT, THAT TICKLES, STOP IT!
AND LIVE TOGETHER
IT'S A PROMISE,
RAIKA
WE'LL KEEP ON SMILING,
RAIKA / END

TERRIBLE!
WHERE'S TSUKASA? WHERE IS HE?
WHAT IS THIS AWFUL COFFEE?
ガタン!
G'TAK
ERM KAYASHIMA-SEMPAI...
WENT TO ARRANGE THE BUDGET FOR THE MAY FESTIVAL

COFFEE
STUDENT COUNCIL
HM...
HERE YOU GO, SIR
AH... HERE

I HEARD NOTHING ABOUT IT
I SAID I'D BE LATE BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET MEETING
OH, THAT'S RIGHT YOU PROBABLY WEREN'T LISTENING, HI-CHAN.
GLG GLG
WHAT?
AH!
THANKS
HERE YOU GO

YOU SEE, SIR
...SIBLE
THAT'S
EVEN THOUGH
JUST NOT
HMPH
FIND HIM AND TELL HIM TO MAKE SOME COFFEE
NO ONE TOLD ME
IT'S TSUKASA'S FAULT FOR GOING WITHOUT TELLING ME!
RELIEF
WE'RE SAVED
WE
THANK GOODNESS
I DEFINITELY DID TELL YOU THIS MORNING
カチャ
CLICK

WE'RE NOT CHILDREN ANYMORE THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT
LOOK, HI-CHAN.
SNAP
YOU DIDN'T TELL ME. WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?
I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW
GOOD WORK
YEAH, LET'S WATCH SOMETHING EXCITING.
TODAY?
I WANT TO SEE A MOVIE TODAY, YOU'RE COMING WITH ME
I'M SORRY... I'VE ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS...
SOMEONE YOU *DON'T* KNOW
ARRANGEMENTS *WITH WHOM?*

I'LL STOP CRYING, SO WILL YOU PLAY WITH ME?
WE'RE FINISHED IF YOU CRY AGAIN, THOUGH!
OKAY, I DEFINITELY WON'T CRY. I WON'T CRY.
WHAT AN IDIOT. WHEN WE WERE LITTLE, TSUKASA WOULD ALWAYS HIDE BEHIND ME, CRYING
"HI-CHAN, HI-CHAN, I'M SORRY"
SEE YOU, HI-CHAN
AND YOU'LL ALWAYS PLAY WITH ME?

POPULAR? TSUKASA?
WELL, KAYASHIMA-SEMPAI IS PRETTY POPULAR
HMPF
THAT ATTITUDE
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
SURE DIDN'T YOU REALIZE, SIR?
GOOD MORNING
MORNING!
MORNING.
HEY
GOOD MORNING!

EVEN THOUGH HE ALWAYS USED TO FOLLOW ME AROUND.
WHO SAID.
...IT WAS OKAY FOR YOU TO HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
I'LL SEE YOU AFTER CLASS.
"SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW."
EVEN THOUGH HE ALWAYS USED TO CRY WHEN I WASN'T AROUND.
WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?
"THERE ARE SOME THINGS...
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?
WE HAVEN'T HUNG OUT MUCH LATELY. HAVE YOU GOT A GIRLFRIEND OR SOMETHING?
OH YEAH, WE CAN'T GO HOME TOGETHER TODAY, EITHER.
OH. OK.
AND WHAT.
IF I HAVE?

WHAT IS IT WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
I'M NOT BOTHERED, BUT EVERYONE ELSE IS SCARED
DID I DO SOMETHING?
WHY DID YOU KEEP IT A SECRET FROM ME?
IDIOT... IT'S NOT
HI-CHAN, ARE YOU UPSET THAT I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?

MAY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE
4/1 ★ EVENTS DEADLINE
7/1 ★ ADJUSTMENTS

WHAT? WHY ARE YOU SO ANNOYED?
HI-CHAN, DID YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THIS?
I DON'T KNOW.

I'M LEAVING!
CLATTER
I HAVE
OF COURSE NOT!
I'M JUST ANNOYED YOU DIDN'T TELL ME
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT?
THAT'S FINE, THEN
REALLY?
DON'T TOUCH ME!
WAIT!
HI-CHAN?!
SLAMK
HUH?
WITH HER?
HAVE YOU SLEPT WITH HER?

I'VE...
I'VE ALWAYS
YOU DON'T KNOW
...ANYTHING ABOUT ME
HI-CHAN
JUST GO AHEAD...
HI-CHAN!
HI-CHAN, YOU IDIOT
YOU'RE ALL I'VE EVER NEEDED
AS IF I WOULD EVER HAVE A GIRLFRIEND
YOU'RE THE IDIOT, HI-CHAN
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
JUST GO AHEAD...
AND HAVE FUN WITH YOUR "GIRLFRIEND"

HI-CHAN.
LET GO OF ME!
KICK
SLAM
OW
WE'RE FINISHED.
SHAAS
HAAS
STOP
SHAAS
SHAS
MMM
NN
BAM
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!
WE
HI-CHAN
SHAAS
SHAAS

HI-CHAN
CREE
KSHING
STAY BACK!
COME ANY CLOSER AND I'LL JUMP!
HI-CHAN?!
カ"
CLANG

カ"
DASH
SEE IF I CARE! YOU IDIOT!
TSUKASA...
YOU DON'T KNOW...
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME.
DAMMIT
DAMMIT

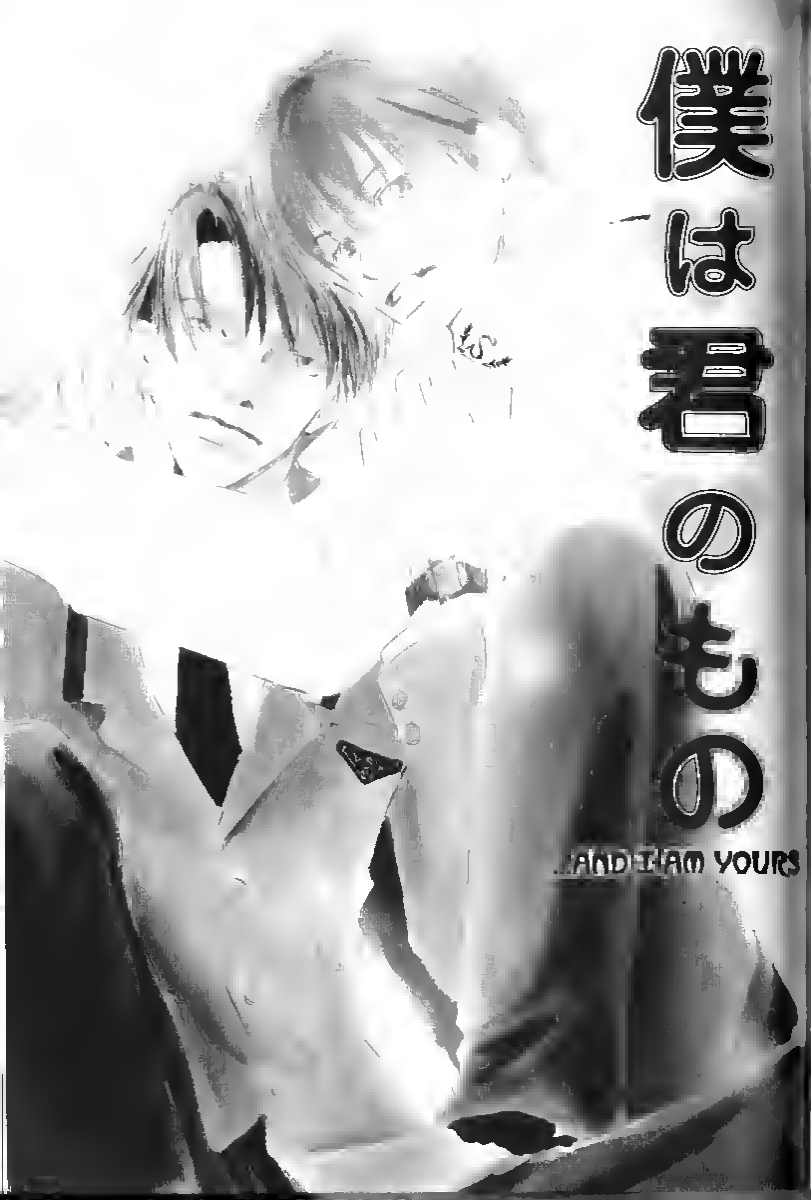
I WILL GO AFTER YOU.
BECAUSE I ALWAYS KNOW WHERE YOU ARE.
I KNOW WHERE YOU WANT TO GO, WHAT YOU WANT, WHAT YOU'RE THINKING... EVERYTHING!
BECAUSE WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOGETHER

HI-CHAN?!
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?!
I TOLD YOU WE WERE FINISHED!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING? STOP IT!
DON'T COME AFTER ME ANYMORE, IDIOT!

DIDN'T YOU KNOW, HI-CHAN?
THAT STILL BEING TOGETHER WHEN WE GROW UP...
DID YOU KNOW?
WELL?
FEELS LIKE THIS?
COME DOWN, HI-CHAN
BUT...
YOU'RE SO STUPID AND RECKLESS
TOM

AH
STO
TSUKA
AH
AH!
STO
AH
AA
I'M...
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY,
DON'T CRY.
HI CHAN
IDIOT!
JUST DIE!
LET GO
OF ME!
WHAT
THE HELL
ARE
YOU
WAAH
I
I
I LOVE
YOU
SHUFF
ID
HI-CHAN

SLIP
WHA
HEY, WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!
TSUKASA
AH
HOW MUCH
I LOVE YOU
WHA
TSUKA
KISS
YOU DON'T
KNOW, SO
I'M SHOWING
YOU



...HATE YOU!

HI HI-CHAN, PLEASE I'M SORRY, DON'T CRY PLEASE? COME ON

WAAAAAH!!

NO! NOT COFFEE

SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT? TELL ME

TEA? GREEN TEA? A SOFT DRINK?

THAT'S NOT FAIR, HI-CHAN

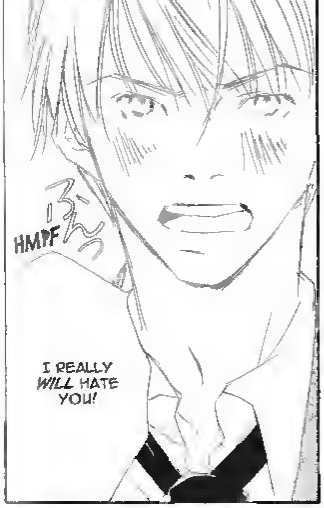
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE

I'M NOT SAYING YOU SAID YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT ME, SO TAKE A GUESS

YOU ARE MINE. /END

I HATE YOU!
I HATE YOU!
WHEN YOU DO THINGS LIKE THIS...
WHAT? WHY?
HI-CHAN, LOOK, I...
LISTEN, HI-CHAN I LOVE YOU
DO YOU, HI-CHAN?
DO YOU LOVE ME?
WELL? DO YOU LOVE ME?

JUST A KISS WOULD BE FINE, RIGHT?
HUH?
WELL THEN, HI-CHAN
HOW ABOUT A KISS?
SURE
SU...


HMPF
I REALLY WILL HATE YOU!

BUT HI-CHAN, I...
I'M SAYING I DON'T WANT YOU TO DO THIS!

WHEW!

I UNDERSTAND, I'LL STOP.
SIGH!

GUH!

I DON'T REALLY HATE HIM.
BUT...
YEAH.
GOOD. I'LL MAKE YOU SOME COFFEE.
"I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, HI-CHAN"
READY TO DO IT ANYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE.
I'M NOT A FOOL, LIKE YOU
YEAH
IS IT OKAY?
THE IDIOT.
がぁぁぁぁ
BLUSHHH

I LOVE YOU, HI-CHAN
SLP
KISS
KISS
HFF
NM
WE'LL KISS AGAIN LATER

ARE YOU DOING HUMANITIES OR SCIENCES?
I'LL JUST GO WHEREVER YOU GO...
YEAH
MUMBLE
SCIENCES AT A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY...
YOU DIDN'T TELL ME.
I WANT TO BE A DOCTOR
YOU CAN'T STUDY MEDICINE HERE.
WHY?

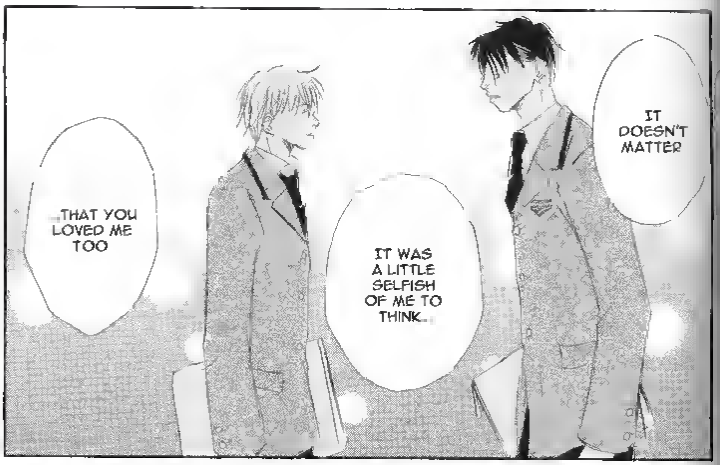
I DON'T GO AROUND SAYING "I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU."
OH!
WHAT IS IT, SIR?
I FORGOT
MY CAREER APPLICATION I'M GOING TO COLLEGE, SO IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER...
TSUKASA, HAVE YOU TURNED YOURS IN?
HAS TO BE IN BY 4

TSUKASA.
TSUKASA!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
HUFF!
TSUKASA!
WHAT IS IT?! WHY ARE YOU ANGRY?!

HOW COULD I, IF YOU DION'T TELL ME?
I THOUGHT YOU ALREADY KNEW.
I SEE.
HEY, WAIT UP
I'M THE ONE WHO'S ANGRY.
HEY
WAIT.
SORRY
I'M LEAVING NOW.
SLAM

I'LL TELL THEM ALL I LOVE YOU
I DON'T CARE IF EVERYONE SEES
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? LOOK WHERE WE ARE
WHAT WILL WE DO IF SOMEONE SEES?

HUFF
I'M NOT REALLY ANGRY
IT'S JUST
...WAS A BIT OF A SHOCK
REALIZING THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE IN LOVE

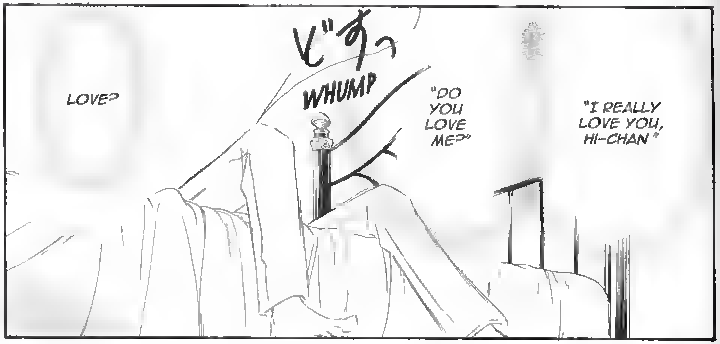

IT DOESN'T MATTER
IT WAS A LITTLE SELFISH OF ME TO THINK...
THAT YOU LOVED ME TOO

TSUKASA, I...
I DON'T HATE YOU, YOU KNOW?

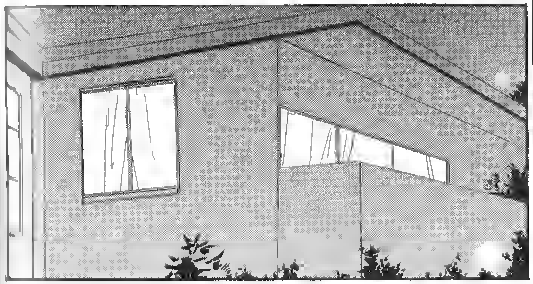
THAT'S PRETTY CRUEL, HI-CHAN

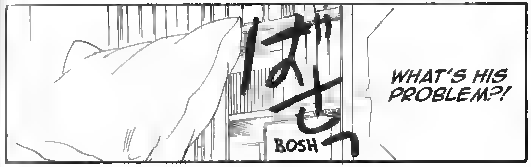
BUT IT'S NOT THE SAME FOR YOU
TSUKA...

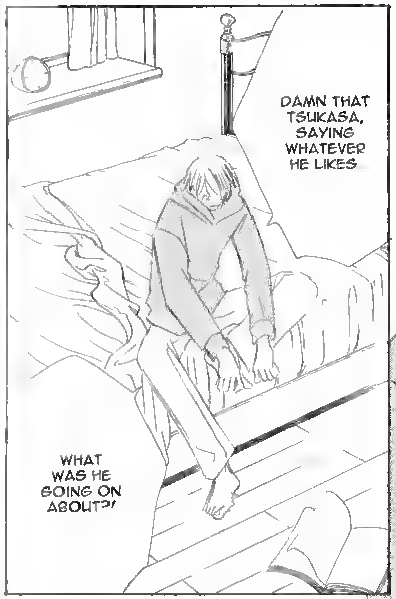
I'M SAD, BUT I WON'T CRY
IF I CRY, YOU'LL ONLY HATE ME
TSUKASA... I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING

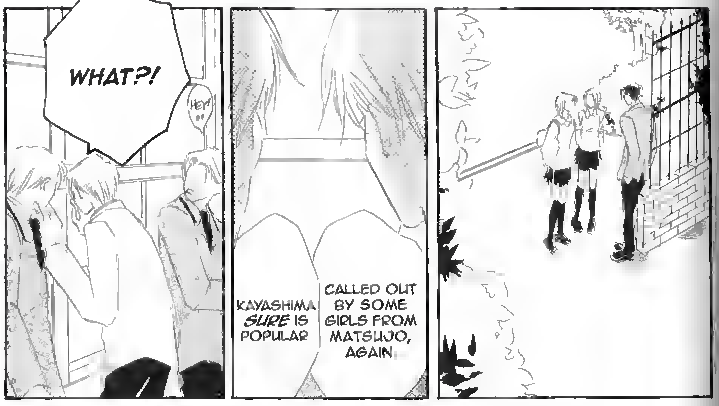


"THAT'S AMAZING, HI-CHAN"








WHAT?!
KAYASHIMA SURE IS POPULAR
CALLED OUT BY SOME GIRLS FROM MATSUJO, AGAIN

THE NERVE!
THAT DAMN TSUKASA!

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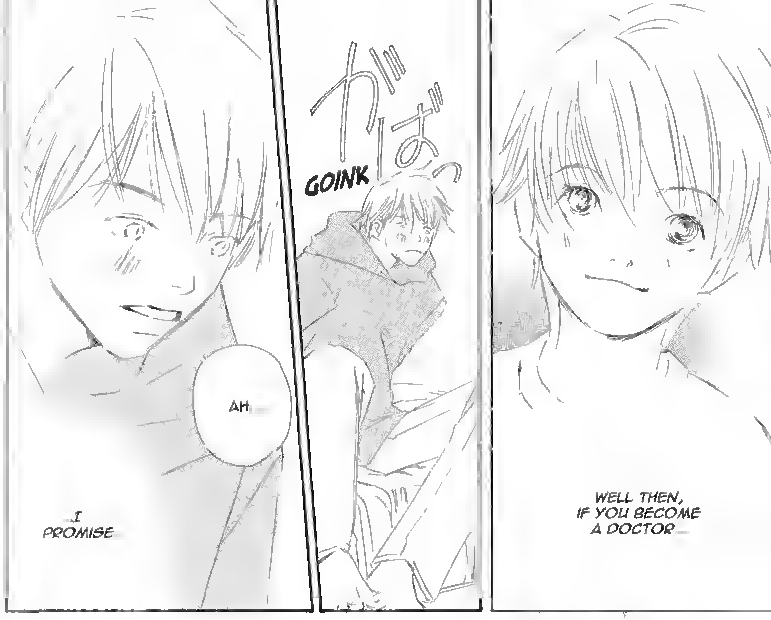
YANK
HI-CHAN
JUST A MINUTE!


I PROMISE...
AH...
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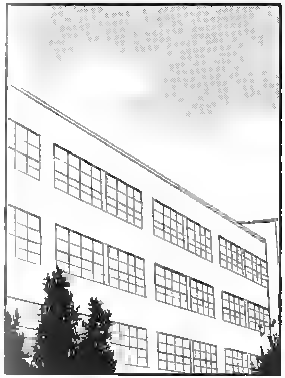
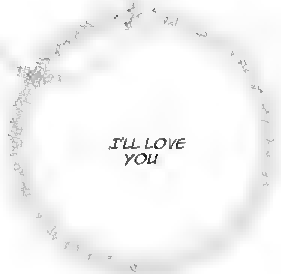
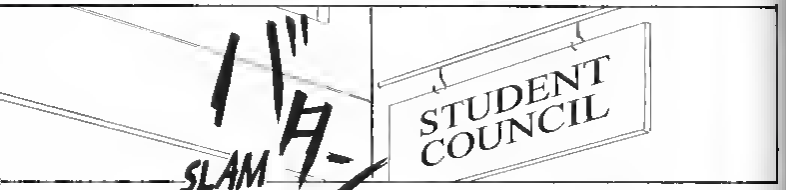
GOINK
WELL THEN, IF YOU BECOME A DOCTOR...




I'LL LOVE YOU

HEY! EVERYONE'S WATCHING
ずん STOMP
ずん STOMP
HI-CHAN?
ずん STOMP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SLAM
STUDENT COUNCIL

WHO DO YOU BELONG TO? TELL ME!
HI-CHAN?

GRRRR!
HI-CHAN!
HE'S MINE, KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF HIM!

YOU GOT THAT?!
WA WAIT
HMPF!

AND ARE YOU MINE?
OKAY.
YOU KNOW...
YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT ME,
SO WHY DON'T YOU KNOW THAT?
HI-CHAN

I'M YOURS, HI-CHAN

DAMN RIGHT! FROM HEAD TO TOE...
...YOU BELONG TO ME!
I WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE HAVE YOU!

I'VE LOCKED THE DOOR. NOBODY'S COMING.
BMF
STOP, NOT HERE!
HI-CHAN
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!
WILL YOU HATE ME?
I LOVE YOU
SO PLEASE,
WILL YOU

YOU'RE SO DENSE.
TSUKASA
I KNOW
FUFF
YOU'RE RIGHT

SNIFF
SNIFF
HI-CHAN, I...
I LOVE YOU.
GUNER
SNIFF
SNIFF
AH
MM. UH
TOO
ME TOO!
ME TOO TSUKASA.

WILL YOU
WILL YOU LOVE ME?
OF COURSE NOT, IDIOT.
I'M ALREADY IN LOVE WITH YOU
OK.
IT'S OKAY, LEAVE IT TO ME
DON'T BE AFRAID

TSUKASA, I CAN BARELY MOVE
AEHE
I'M SORRY
I LOVE YOU... TSUKASA
HFF UH
HI-CHAN
SORRY...
ST-
AH...
I LOVE YOU
SNUFF
AAH!
RY
AH

...AND I AM YOURS / END

I HATE IT!
I HATE IT.
HATE IT, HATE IT, HATE IT, I HATE IT!
SLURP
TINK TINK
CLANG
TRASH CAN
FWIP
SIGH
IT'S TIMES LIKE THESE WHEN PEOPLE FEEL LIKE DYING
I JUST HATE IT
GOOD EVENING
HUHP

THANK YOU.
TH
THE MYSTERIOUS FLOWER BOY WAS CALLED TANAKA.
SUCH AN UNEXPECTEDLY REGULAR NAME
WOW
HE WAS A MAGICIAN IN TRAINING
AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE.
THAT'S FANTASTIC!
AMAZING! AWESOME!
ばらばら
SCATTER
SCATTER

POM
ぱちん
SNAP!
YOU LOOK BLUE, SO THIS IS FOR YOU.
CHEER UP.
HERE.

WHEN I WAS A CHILD AND SAW MY FIRST LIVE PERFORMANCE,
IF THAT HAPPENS,
THEN I'M HAPPY
WOW! WOW! IT'S LIKE MAGIC
AMAZING
I WAS INSPIRED
BUT THAT WAS EASIER SAID THAN DONE
I WAS SURE I COULD BECOME LIKE THAT MAN

AND THE OLD LADY BELOW ME IS PRETTY LOUD
IF THE WEATHER'S GOOD MY APARTMENT'S PRETTY RUN DOWN AT NIGHT, YOU CAN HEAR EVERY LITTLE NOISE
HM?
DO YOU PRACTICE HERE EVERY DAY?

NOT REALLY HMM LET'S SEE..
MAYBE SLIGHTLY LIKE AND NOT
HEY, WHAT TYPE OF MAGICIAN DO YOU WANT TO BE? LIKE DAVID COPPERFIELD?

JUST, IF PEOPLE ARE SURPRISED BY MY TRICKS AND ENJOY THEM, AND FEEL CHEERFUL
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A REALLY SPECTACULAR TRICK

I WONDER...
IT IS!
ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE IF YOU TRY HARD ENOUGH!

I WAS IMPRESSED I REALLY THOUGHT THEY WERE GREAT
BESIDES, I LIKE YOUR TRICKS

HAHA

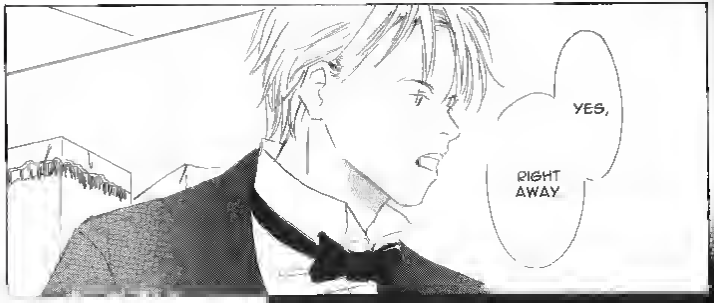
HUH?
YOU CAN DO IT FOR SURE!

YOU'RE WORKING SO HARD AT IT EVERY DAY

THERE WE GO
TANAKA-KUN, COME HERE

SURE THING
HEY.
SHOW ME THE TRICK WITH THE FLOWERS AGAIN NEXT TIME, OKAY?

IT CHEERED ME UP


YES, RIGHT AWAY

HERE
POM

AGAIN, AGAIN,

OKAY.
I'LL KEEP TRYING THANK YOU

SO DON'T GIVE UP

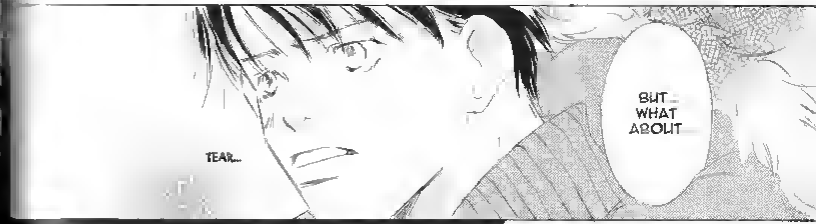
ARE YOU GIVING UP?! WHAT FOR?!
BUT WHY?!
I'M REALLY SORRY
WHY?! WHAT ABOUT YOUR MAGIC?!
I'M NOT CUT OUT FOR MAGIC I SHOULD LOOK FOR A REGULAR JOB
MY MASTER TOLD ME...

HUH? WHAT? WHAT?
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU
WOW, THAT'S SO COOL
YESTERDAY, I WENT TO A JOB INTERVIEW
AND THEY CALLED TODAY TO SAY I GOT IT

I'D BEEN MAKING MISTAKES AND FAILING BADLY
THE DAY I MET YOU, I WAS ALREADY WONDERING WHETHER TO QUIT OR NOT
BUT...

I WON'T TOTALLY QUIT
I'LL NEVER BECOME A PRO, BUT...
POM
WHEN YOU SAID I CHEERED YOU UP, I WAS SO HAPPY
SO...

I'M SORRY
AFTER ALL YOUR SUPPORT...
BUT YOU'RE...
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I THINK I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN
I'VE BEEN CLUMSY SINCE I WAS A CHILD. I'VE REALIZED NOW THAT I'LL NEVER TURN PROFESSIONAL.


TEAR...
BUT... WHAT ABOUT...

PLEASE DON'T CRY.
POM

FLOWER BOYS / END

AFTERWORD.

HELLO I'M **KEIKO KINOSHITA**. THANKS FOR READING THIS TO THE END! THIS IS MY FIRST EVER GRAPHIC NOVEL. TO THINK THAT MY WORK IS NOW ON THE STANDS MAKES ME BOTH HAPPY AND NERVOUS AT THE SAME TIME I'M ALL A FLUTTER

• I WROTE "LITTLE CRYBABY" ESPECIALLY FOR THIS BOOK. I HAD A FEW PROBLEMS, BUT THE TITLE CAUSED ME THE MOST BOTHER EVENTUALLY, A FRIEND CAME OUT AND SAID, "WHAT ABOUT 'LITTLE CRYBABY'?" AND SO I'D LIKE TO THANK KEIKO-CHAN FOR THAT

• IN "YOU ARE MINE..." AND "...AND I AM YOURS," I DID THINK OF A FULL NAME FOR HI-CHAN, BUT I DIDN'T GET TO USE IT (HAHA) WHAT A SHAME (SLIGHT HAHA)

• I WROTE "RAIKA" AND "FLOWER BOYS" FOR **CRAFT**. NEITHER OF THEM REALLY TURNED OUT AS BL (WRY SMILE) SORRY ABOUT THAT (HAHA) "FLOWER BOYS" WAS ORIGINALLY GOING TO BE ABOUT A SALARYMAN AND A MAGICIAN, IT WAS A PRETTY DARK AND SEVERE STORY. BUT YOU NOW KNOW HOW IT TURNED OUT

• "TOP SECRET" WAS THE FIRST MANGA I DREW FOR **TAIYOH TOSHO**. I CLEARLY REMEMBER THE DAY I GOT THE PHONE CALL FROM THEM WHY? BECAUSE IT WAS MY BIRTHDAY I WAS SO HAPPY

THANKS TO MY EDITOR, U-MIYA, FOR ALL THE ADVICE EVEN IF I HAD JUST STARTED OUT AND WAS TALKING NONSENSE. THANKS TO ALL MY READERS, I'LL DO MY BEST TO DRAW MORE AND MORE MANGA SO I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN. BYE FOR NOW

KEIKO KINOSHITA

SPECIAL THANKS

PI-CHAN, KEIKO-CHAN, NATCHAN,
FUYUBI MITSURU-CHAN, N-GEN-SAN,
MY ESTEEMED EDITOR U-MIYA AND
ALL MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

THANKS FOR LOOKING AFTER ME,
IT'S WITH YOUR HELP THAT I'VE BEEN
ABLE TO GET MY FIRST BOOK COMPLETED

AND TO MY READERS, WITH DEEPEST
GRATITUDE, THANK YOU. I HOPE
TO SEE YOU AGAIN